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1. THERE FOUR VIOLENT INCIDENTS WITH POSSIBLE POLITICAL OR SECTARIAN MOTIVATIONS REPORTED FOR NORTHERN IRELAND DURING NIGHT OF JAN. 13-14: (A) MOLOTOV COCKTAIL THROWN INTO HOUSE IN NEWTOWNABBAY (B) TWO SHOTS FIRED AT WOMAN IN DOORWAY BELFAST UPPER SPRINGFIELD AREA (C) NEWRY MAN SHOT IN THIGH WHILE STRUGGLING WITH WOULD BE ABDUCTORS (D) YOUTH TARRED AND FEATHERED SANDY ROW AREA BELFAST. MOST INCIDENTS APPEAR DIRECT AGAINST CATHOLICS.

2. ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) LEADER CHARLES HARDING-SMITH SHOT AND WOUNDED AT WEST BELFAST HEADQUARTERS FORENOON JANUARY 14. EARLY REPORTS FRAGMENTARY BUT IT APPEARS SHOT FIRED BY SNIPER STRUCK HIM WHILE HE WAS STANDING AT UPSTAIRS WINDOW. HARDING-SMITH PARTICIPANT IN RECENT UDA SPLIT (REFTEL).

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3. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS: (A) SECSTATE REES FINISHED

CURRENT ROUND TALKS WITH POLITICAL LEADERS JAN.13 MEETING
SEPARATELY DAVID BLEAKLEY NORTHERN IRELAND LABOUR PARTY AND
INDEPENDENT UNIONIST HUGH SMYTH. REES NOW IN LONDON HAS STILL
NOT RPT NOT REPLIED TO DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS (PAISLEY)
REQUEST FOR ANOTHER MEETING (B) ULSTER EXECUTIVE SINN FEIN
ISSUED STATEMENT JANUARY 13 CRITICIZING (UNSPECIFIED) ACTIONS
OF DUBLIN GOVERNMENT FOR "DOING ALL IN THEIR POWER TO BLOCK
ANY MOVES ON A LASTING PEACE." FORMIN GARRET FITZGERALD
ACCUSED OF DOUBLE STANDARD TOWARD LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS.
IN SAME COUNTRY AND CITHDR. FITZGERALD HAS BUSIED HIMSELF IN
SEEKING TO DESTROY SUPPORT IN THE USA FOR HIS OWN COUNTRY'S
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT." (C) THERE
NO RPT NO OPPOSITION REACTION YET TO MEETING BETWEEN LEADERS
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY AND IRISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
DUBLIN JAN. 13 BUT HOSTILE REACTION CAN BE EXPECTED OFFICIAL
UNIONISTS PARTICULARLY APPEAR TO BE MOUNTING CONCERTED
CAMPAIGN ATTACKING SDLP ESPECIALLY ON LATTER'S REFUSAL DISAVOW
IRISH DIMENSION AS POLICY PLANK.
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